

REMARKS

By this amendment, Claims 1-55 have been cancelled. No Claims have been amended. Claims 56-63 have been added. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in this application, or a continuation application. Hence, Claims 56-63 are pending in the application.

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS

Claims 1-9, 26-40, 46, and 49-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,473,609 issued to Schwartz et al. ("*Schwartz*") in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,463,565 issued to Kelly et al. ("*Kelly*").

Claims 10-25, 41-45, 65, 47 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Schwartz* in view of *Kelly* in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,269,373 issued to Apte et al. ("*Apte*").

Applicants respectfully traverse.

AN IDS HAS BEEN FILED WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Applicants respectfully note that they have not received an initialed 1449 form acknowledging the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on November 9, 2004. Applicants respectfully request a copy of an initialed 1449 form to acknowledge the IDS of November 9, 2004.

**EACH OF THE PENDING CLAIMS IS PATENTABLE OVER THE CITED
ART**

New Claims 56-63 each feature one or more elements that are not disclosed, taught, or suggested by the cited art. For example, Claim 56 recites:

“receiving, at a mobile applications server, registration data from an application,
wherein the registration data specifies rules about how mobile devices
are allowed to interact with the application;
the mobile application server operating as an intermediary for interactions
between the mobile device and the application; and
while operating as an intermediary, the mobile application server enforcing the
rules about how mobile devices are allowed to interact with the
application, wherein the application is relieved of the responsibility of
enforcing the rules about how mobile devices are allowed to interact with
the application.”

The above-quoted combination of elements is not disclosed, taught, or suggested by *Schwartz*.

While the pending claims and the approach of *Schwartz* are both generally directed to an approach for communicating with a mobile device, there are substantial differences between the goals and the techniques used in each approach. In the approach of *Schwartz*, prior to transmitting a data file containing the graphical elements of a web page to a mobile device, the web page is analyzed to remove references to other web pages, such as URLs. In the place of the references to the other web pages, a server places an address identifier in a data file. The server may create the data file in a format displayable on the mobile device based on device characteristic information of the mobile device. When the mobile device issues a request for the display of another web page, the request includes the address identifier of the web page being requested. The server references the address identifier in the request to identify the requested web page, and thereafter, analyzes the requested web page to create a data file for transmission to the mobile device. In this way, the amount of information that is sent to the mobile device is minimized, while still enabling the mobile device to display web pages.

On the other hand, the approach of Claim 56 provides a framework for a mobile device to request and receive a service from an application. Advantageously, in view of the express features recited in Claim 56, the application does not need to be configured with knowledge of the capabilities of the mobile device or how to communicate with the mobile device. As a result of the fundamental differences between the approach of *Schwartz* and the approach of Claim 56, *Schwartz* does not show numerous features of Claim 56.

For example, Claim 56 features the element of “receiving, at a mobile applications server, registration data from an application, wherein the registration data specifies rules about how mobile devices are allowed to interact with the application.” The approach of *Schwartz* does not contain any discussion of any step analogous to receiving registration data from an application.

Further, Claim 56 features the element of “while operating as an intermediary, the mobile application server enforcing the rules about how mobile devices are allowed to interact with the application, wherein the application is relieved of the responsibility of enforcing the rules about how mobile devices are allowed to interact with the application.” The approach of *Schwartz* does not contain any discussion of any step analogous to a mobile application server enforcing rules about how mobile devices are allowed to interact with the application.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 56 recites at least one element that is not disclosed, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 56 is patentable over the cited art and is in condition for allowance.

Claim 60 recites elements similar to that of Claim 56, except that Claim 60 is recited in machine-readable medium format. Consequently, for at least the reasons given above with respect to Claim 56, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 60 is patentable over the cited art and is in condition for allowance.

Claims 57-59 and 61-63 are dependent claims, each of which depends (directly or indirectly) on one of the claims discussed above. Each of Claims 57-59 and 61-63 is therefore allowable for the reasons given above for the claim on which it depends. In addition, each of Claims 57-59 and 61-63 introduces one or more additional limitations that independently render it patentable. However, due to the fundamental differences already identified, to expedite the positive resolution of this case a separate discussion of those limitations is not included at this time, although the Applicants reserve the right to further point out the differences between the cited art and the novel features recited in the dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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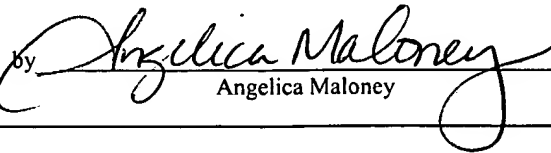
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